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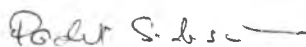
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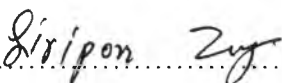
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List of Abbreviations

br	broad	mm	millimeter
°C	degree Celsius	m.p.	melting point
cm ⁻¹	unit of wavenumber	MS	mass spectroscopy
Cpd	compound	<i>m/z</i>	mass per charge
d	doublet (NMR)	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
dd	doublet of doublet (NMR)	ppm	part per million
DMSO	dimethylsulfoxide	q	quartet (NMR)
g	gram (s)	rel. int.	relative intensity
h	heptet (NMR)	R _f	retardation factor
Hz	hertz	s	strong (IR)
IR	infrared	s	singlet (NMR)
J	coupling constant	t	triplet (NMR)
lit	literature	w	weak (IR)
m	multiplet (NMR)	wt	weight
m	medium (IR)	δ	chemical shift
mL	milliliter (s)	%	percent